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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
State St and Washington Ave
Albany, NY 12224

RE: Proposed Expansion of Greenidge Gas-Powered Plant in Dresden,

NY Dear Governor Cuomo,

As business owners and organizations in the Finger Lakes Region and across New York State, we write you today to voice our vehement opposition to the expansion of the Greenidge Gas Powered Facility in the heart of the Finger Lakes.

This 1950s era facility is a relic of New York State's past. When Greenidge restarted operations in 2016, the inefficient old plant could only operate economically in the electric power markets as a "peaker" plant, being paid to provide backup power and only operating when excess energy was needed by the grid. Now, Greenidge has created its own demand for electricity and it has become economic for the plant to operate 24/7 generating bitcoin hash rate. With its transition to natural gas, the facility operates at less than half the efficiency of more modern natural gas power plants, and its expansion proposal means an increase from its 6% usage in 2019 to 100%, 24/7/365 usage, consuming enough power to fuel more than 90,000 homes.

In essence, the Public Service Commission and the Finger Lakes community have been misled so that Atlas Holdings LLC could secure a Certificate for Public Convenience and Necessity and Lightened Regulation and then turn around and use this facility for their own personal gain. Since this project is no longer designed to meet the reasonable needs of the public and its use and purpose for expansion has changed so drastically, the storm water permit should be denied, and the existing air and SPDES permits must be revoked immediately.

This facility will emit more greenhouse gases than it has in any of the past 15 years, and is a direct assault against the intent of your nationally leading **Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)**, which requires reduction of GHG to 40% of 1990 levels by 2030 and 85% by 2050. More specifically, Greenidge's "behind the meter" operations **would evade CLCPA requirements** entirely through the year 2050. Even worse, it's being allowed in the heart of New York State's Finger Lakes agricultural and eco-tourism region.

What damages our fragile ecosystem will also damage our agri-tourism industry. The project discharges water at up to 108 degrees F. into the Keuka Outlet which empties directly into Seneca Lake. The temperature limits for trout streams, like the Keuka Outlet, is 70 degrees F. The additional heat would stress trout and other cold water fish, and increase risks to spawning which occurs yearly in the stream.

The hot water will increase incidences of Harmful Algal Blooms, exacerbating an already troublesome issue for the Finger Lakes. Furthermore, the system is not using protective measures to prevent fish, eggs, and other aquatic life from being killed at their water intake location.

In addition to harming Seneca Lake, a drinking water source for over 100,000 people, this facility will increase noise levels not only in the surrounding area, but also across the lake, since noise travels easily across open water. Traditional data centers prohibit the use of bitcoin servers because they make so much noise, use too much energy and generate too much heat.

Very few jobs will be created if the facility expands, since expansion consists of adding new, fully automated bitcoin mining computers. Greenidge received \$2 million in NYS regional economic development funds in 2015 to build the gas pipeline extension to bring gas to the plant. Now, Greenidge is saddling our region with all of the environmental and economic risk and little to no reward. Bill Harris, former founding CEO PayPal, Intuit, and Personal capital has called Bitcoin and Bitcoin mining, "a colossal pump-and-dump scheme, the likes of which the world has never seen."

Currently, 60-70% of all Bitcoin mining is done in China, but the Chinese are considering completely banning the activity as a waste of resources. Atlas is bringing this wasteful activity to Seneca Lake, and using an inefficient, old plant to do it. Yes, Atlas has devised a clever business idea, but it is bad for the Finger Lakes, it is bad for New York, and if left unchecked, could have implications for similar facilities owned in partnership with Atlas along the Hudson River and near Albany. It makes no sense to embrace a wasteful industry that other countries are turning away, and it is reckless to allow a 70-year-old fossil fuel burning facility to power a Bitcoin mining operation.

In light of these issues, we urge you to direct your DEC to deny the storm water permit and immediately revoke the existing air and SPDES permits for this facility's power generation and use.

Respectfully,

Committee to Preserve the Finger Lakes Business and Organizations

A Stone's Throw Bed &
Breakfast Aardvark Realty LLC
Abovoagogo
Billsboro Winery

Blue Quarry Designs
Boundary Breaks, LLC
Breathe Easy Susquehanna County

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Committee to Preserve the Finger
Lakes Damiani Wine Cellars
Dan Rapaport Consulting
Design Works Architecture, PC
Destination Relaxation Vacation
Rental Edible Finger Lakes
Elmirans and Friends Against Fracking
Environmental Justice Taskforce of the
WNY Peace Center
Farnsworth Productions
Finger Lakes Wine Business
Coalition Food & Water Watch
Fox Run Vineyards
Frackbusters NY
FracTracker Alliance
Gas Free Seneca
Geneva Coffee Inc.
Glenhaven farm
Grayhart Gardens
Green Church
Green Pathway Consultants
Havana's Scoop Inc.
Hosmer Winery
Hudson River Sloop
Clearwater, Inc. Insights
International Inc
JCrytzer Woodworking
Kestrel Haven Migration
Observatory Keuka Spring
Vineyards, LLC
King Ferry Winery Inc.
Lake Drum Brewing
Lamoreaux Landing Wine Cellars
Locke's Glen
McGregor Vineyard
Metro New York Catholic
Climate Movement
Michalak LLC
Microclimate, LLC
Mothers Out Front Tompkins
Natural Health Family
Chiropractic New York Solar
Energy Society
North Country NYPAN
NY Water Action
NYCD16 Indivisible

NYPAN Environmental
Committee Osmote Wine
LLC
Pantomime Mixtures
Pastimes
Patent Cocktail Co. LLC
Patricia Bee RN
People for a Healthy Environment
(PHE) Pizza Posto
Rep Studio LLC
Riverkeeper, Inc.
Sawmill Creek Vineyards
Seneca Chief Charters Guide Svc
Seneca Lake Guardian, A
Waterkeeper Alliance Affiliate
Seneca Lake Pure Waters
Association Seneca Strategic
Consulting, LLC
Seneca Sunrise Coffee
Shalestone Vineyards
Sierra Club - Atlantic Chapter
Sierra Club - Finger Lakes Group
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Sunrise Landing Bed and Breakfast
SUNY New Paltz Environmental Task
Force Sustainable Tompkins, Inc.
The Ginger Cat Bed & Breakfast
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Dialogue Three Brothers Wineries
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Destruction Town of Geneva
Two Goats Brewing
United for Action
Village of Millport
Water Street Pharmacy
Seneca Lake Pure Waters
Fruit Yard Winery
Geneva Bicycle Center
Kellys Canine Kreations
Ludlows Enterprises, Inc.
Mayapple Wood Farm
OSM Off-Shore Marine
Quintus Gallery LLC
Sawmill Creek Vineyards

Seneca Lake Guardian Business Coalition

12th Moon Astrology
17th Century Suds
A Holism In Sync
A Stone's Throw B&B
Abelson Law Office
Acorn Designs
Admiral Peabody's Lakeside
Lodging Advanced Remodeling
Airy Acres Vineyard
AKS Apartments, LLC
Aligned Business Concepts
Amazing Grace Bed & Breakfast
American Canoe Association,
Atlantic Division
Ann Cain Crusade, R.N., M.S.,
L.Ac Ann Sheldon, Life Coach
Another Time Antiques
Anthony Road Wine
Company Applegate Toys
Area Records
Argetsinger Vineyards
Atwater Vineyards
Autumn Leaves Used Books
B&B: 448 East Broadway LLC
Bagley's Poplar Ridge
Vineyard Barnstormer
Winery
Barry Family Vineyards
Bear Meadow Folk
Instruments Beef N' Brew
Bella Stone Massage
Bellwether Cidery
Benedict Accounting and Tax
Service Berta's Cafe
Bill Carini Gardens
Billsboro Winery
Bitterwind Hop Farm

Seneca Shore Wine Cellars
SenecaLakePureWaters
Silver Thread Vineyard
Six Circles Farm

Cherry Orchard B & B
Church Creative Flooring, Inc.

Sottile Sculptures
The Pearl of Seneca Lake Bed and
Breakfast Two Goats Brewing LLC
White Springs Winery

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Blackberry Inn B&B
Blecher Electric
Bloomer Creek Vineyard
Boathouse Beer Garden
Bob and Dee
Bob and June's Organic
Coffee Bostwick House B&B
Bottomless Brewing
Boundary Breaks Vineyard
Bout Time B & B
Bramble: Community
Herbalism Bread 'N' Roses
Brian Grafstein LMT
Brian Keeler, Artist
Bumble & Co. B & B
Bunnell Associates
Burdett House B&B
Burford Books
Buried Treasures Organic
Farm Buttonwood Creek
Tree Farm
Calm Reflections
Camp Seneca Lake
Cappy's
Capricorn Hill Farms
Captain Bill's & Seneca Harbor
Station Cash and Caring Auction
Services Castle Creek Kombucha
Catherine Cottages
Cathy Emilian Design
Cayuga Chiropractic &
Wellness Cayuga Morning
Star B & B
Caywood Vineyards
Charles Limousine Service
Chateau Lafayette Reneau
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Landing Clean Team
Clear Path Healing Arts Center
Climbing Bines Hop Farm and

Brewery Cloud 9 Wellness
 Compost International
 Cortland Beer Company, LLC
 Cottage Views B & B
 Cotton Club at the Windmill
 Cowlick Farms
 Creating Change
 Creativelink Photo/Graphics
 Services Creekside Cafe
 Crestwood Pools Inc.
 Crooked Lake Winery
 Cummins Nursery
 Curry Creek Vineyards
 Custom Care Pharmacy
 D. Bordwell Editorial Services
 Damiani Wine Cellars
 Dan Rapaport Consulting
 Dano's Heuriger
 Daphne's Delights
 Darlene Bordwell Photography
 David Mooney-State Farm
 Insurance Deep Lake Industries
 DeMarco Vineyards
 Derek's Diner
 Dewitt Park Inn
 Digital Wires
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 Discovery Massage
 Dixie O'Connor, Fine Arts
 Down to Earth Markets
 Dr. Konstantin Frank Vinifera Wine
 Cellars DS Hoffman, Luthier
 Dundee Scottish Festival of the Finger
 Lakes
 Eagle Crest Vineyards/ O-Neh-Da
 Vineyard Earthgirl Flowers
 Earthgirl Pottery
 East Side Dog Services
 Echoes of the Glen B & B
 Edible Finger Lakes
 Eli Thomas Art
 Ely Fruit Farms
 Emery Vineyards
 Eminence Road Farm Winery
 Enigma Skin Care Studio
 Eremita Winery
 Eve's Cidery
 Evolving Studios

Exercise Enterprise
 Factivist
 Faith Muirhead, Educational
 Consultant Farm Kind
 Farmer Ground Flour
 Farmshed CNY
 Finger Lakes Clean Waters Initiative,
 Inc Finger Lakes Concierge
 Finger Lakes Distilling
 Finger Lakes Estate and Auction
 Company Finger Lakes Florist
 Finger Lakes Foie
 Finger Lakes Food Company,
 LLC Finger Lakes Gifts and
 Lounge
 Finger Lakes Mill Creek Cabins
 Finger Lakes Natural Health
 Finger Lakes Soap Company
 Finger Lakes Transport and
 Tours Finger Lakes Vacation
 Rental
 Finger Lakes Waterfall Resort
 Finger Lakes Website Services
 Fingerlakes Angling Zone Guide
 Service FingerLakes1.com
 Firehouse Distillery
 Fleur De Lys of the Finger
 Lakes FLX Table
 FLX Winery
 Forever Green Tree Care
 Services Forge Cellars
 Fork & Gavel Cafe at Cornell
 Fossil and Till
 Fox Pond Products
 Fox Run Vineyards, Inc
 Fox Trot Stables
 Free Spirit Design Glass
 Free to Be Me Coalition for
 Peace Frisch Kitchen
 Frog Hollow Marina
 Frontenac Point Vineyard and
 Winery Fruit Yard Winery
 Geneva Bicycle Center
 Gentle Giants B&B
 GentlyBorne Midwifery
 George's Prosound
 Gil's Honeybees
 Gimme! Coffee Inc.
 Ginger Cat B&B

Glacier Ridge Vineyards
Glen Mountain Market
Glendale Farms
Glenhaven Farm Winery
Glenora Wine Cellars
Global Taco
Golden Knight Inn & Suites
Golden Orb Tattoos and
Piercings Good Earth Health
Foods
Good Karma Candles
Good to Go! Market
Goose Watch Winery
Graceful Arts Fiber Studio
GRACES (Grass Roots Accomodations
Coalition for Energy Sustainability)
Graphic Connections
Greensprings Natural
Cemetery GreenStar
Cooperative Market
Gryphon Construction
Halsey's Wood Fire Bistro
Harvest Cafe
Hayward House B&B
Hazelnut Kitchen
Hazlitt 1852 Vineyards
Heart & Hands Wine Company
Heart to Heart Yoga
Heavily Brewing Company
Hector Logging Company
Hector Wine Co.
Hemlock Hills Alpaca Farm
Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyard
Heron Hill Winery
Hipshot Products, Inc.
Hotel Groton
Humble Hill Farm and Lodge
Hunt Country Vineyards
Idol Ridge Winery
Ileen Kaplan Piano Service
Indian Creek Farm
Inner Decisions
Interludes
International Climbing
Machines Irish Carpentry
Italy Hill Produce
Ithaca Acupuncture- Integrative Medicine
Center
Ithaca Soap/17th Century Suds
IthacaDomains.com

J & D Landscape Construction
Jabberwock
JCC of Greater Rochester
Jeremy and Erica Crytzer
Jesi Turner, Musician
Joe's Hots
Joseph M Rao Inc.
Journeyman Services
JR Dill Winery
Just a Few Acres Farm
Just Desserts
Kali Herbs
Kate Gustin, CPC - Joy of Living Health and
Life Coach
Keep in Touch Therapeutic
Massage Keuka Artisan Bakery &
Deli
King Ferry Winery
King's Garden Vineyards
Kingbird Farm
Kirtan's Farm Market
Knapp Winery
Krys Cail, Farm and Food Business
Development Consulting
Kurtz Construction
Lake City Hobby
Lakehouse B&B
Lakeland Winery
Lakeside Refrigeration Service
Lamoreaux Landing Wine Cellars
Larson Publications
Lawrence Reverby - Attorney at
Law Leaf Kitchen Restaurant
Leidenfrost Vineyards
Lilly Broadcasting
Linda Parks, CPA and Financial
Advisor Linda Ruth Astrology
Live Well Upstate: Massage Therapy and
Natural Medicine
Locke's Glen, LLC Vacation
Rentals Macro Mamas
Magnolia Place B & B
Main Street Bike Shop
Manndible Cafe at Cornell/ Fork and Gavel
Cafe at Cornell
Marmalade Cat B & B
McGregor Winery
Medleys Cafe & Catering
Michael Turback-Food and Wine
Writer Moon Heart Studios
Moosewood Restaurant
Mother Earth Natural Foods

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Nautical Nights B & B
Newell Farm
No Man Services
North East Organic Farming Assoc. of
NY Northeast Band Supply
Northstar Public House
O'Shaughnessy Antiques and Fine Arts
Gallery
Odessa Coffee Depot
Old Fashioned Flowers from Fernville
Farm Owl Gorge Productions
Paradise on the Lake B and B
Parker's Grille
Passport Creations
Penguin Bay Winery
Perennial Evolution Farm
Peter Drobny - Glass Consultant
Pi Truck
Pine Tree Farms
Pioneer Printing
Plowbreak Farm
Pompous Ass Winery
Preliminaires Chocolat
Privacy on the Lake B & B
Quality Wine Tours
QWIK Solar
QwikSolar
Rasta Ranch Vineyards
Ravines Wine Cellars
Reagan's Canoe and Kayak
Livery Reality Realty
Red Dove Tavern
Red Jacket Orchards
Red Newt Cellars
Red Tail Ridge Winery
Regional Access
Relax Inn
RENOVUS Energy, Inc.
Rising Sun Reiki
Robinia Redux Locust Fencepost
Plantation Rooster Fish Brewing
Roots and Wings Performing Arts
Academy Rustic Log Cabins
Sabol Farm
Salubrious Farms

Sapsquatch Pure Maple
Products Sawmill Creek
Vineyards
Schank Companies
Seneca BioEnergy
Seneca Chief Guide Services
Seneca General Store
Seneca Harbor Station
Seneca Harbor Wine Center
Seneca Lake Design
Seneca Lake General Store
Seneca Lake Vacation Rentals
Seneca Lodge
Seneca Lodge Craft Brewing
Seneca Lodge Lake House
Seneca Physical Therapy of the Finger
Lakes, PC
Seneca Sailing Adventures
Seneca Shore Wine Cellars
Seneca Springs Resort
Seneca Strategic Consulting,
LLC Seneca Sunrise Coffee
Seneca Wine Boat Tours
SenecaLakeVacationRentals.co
m September Hill Midwifery
Shalestone Vineyards
Shaw Vineyards
Sheldrake Point Vineyards
Showboat Motel and
Restaurant Silver Springs
Winery
Silver Thread Vineyards
Six Circles Farm
Skyland Gallery
Skyland Guest House
Snug Planet and Snug
Solutions Solar Systems
Unlimited
Southern Tier Hops
Squires Accounting and Tax Services
Inc. Stalks and Stones
Standing Stone Vineyard
Staving Artist Woodwork
Stick and Stone Farm
Stomping Grounds
Stone Pillow Pottery
StoneBoat Computing

Solutions Stonecat Cafe
Stony Lonesome Farms LLC
Studio West
subject2change Media
Summit to Stream Adventures
Sun Dance Creations
Sun Garden Grille

Sunrise Hill Vineyards
Sunrise Landing B & B
Sunset on Seneca B&B
Sunshine Natural Foods
Sustainable Viticulture
Systems-Proprietor Suzanne's Fine
Regional Cuisine

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Swamp Road Baskets
Swedish Hill, Goose Watch, and Penguin
Bay Wineries
Sweet Chariot Livery
Sweet Mother Nature
Tabora Vineyards
TAITEM Engineering PC
Tchotchke
The Black Sheep Inn
The Burns Sisters
The Elf in the Oak
The Good Life Farm
The Keep at Newell Farm
The Last Word
The Pearl of Seneca Lake B & B
The Piggery
The Soap Garden
The Water Cottage
The White Gazebo
Themis and Thread
Think Topography
Thomas Merrill Professional Land
Surveyor Three Brothers Wineries
Three Swallows Farm
Three Tree Inn B & B
Thunder Mountain Foods
Thyme Stands Still Fruit and
Vegetables Tim McKinney,
Photographer/Writer/Woodworker
Tim Regan

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Airy Acres Vineyard
Amazing Grace Bed & Breakfast
Ann Cain Crusade Acupuncture and Herbal
Medicine
Anthony Road Wine Company

Argetsinger Vineyards
A Stone's Throw Bed &
Breakfast Atwater Estate
Vineyards
Backacres Vineyard
Bagley's Poplar Ridge Vineyards
Barnstormer Winery
Barry Family Cellars
Bellangelo
Billsboro Winery
Tim Wells- Furniture Maker
Tom Blecher
Tom Weidemann
Tree Gate Farm
Turbo Taxi
Two Goats Brewing
Two Sisters Cottage on Seneca
Lake Unique Pool Service
Upstate Energy Solutions
Vaping Bad
Ventosa Vineyards
Villa Bellangelo
Waterloo Container
Waterloo Custom Apparel and
Gifts Watkins Glen Massage
Watkins Glen Wine and Spirits
Wayne Schutz
West Haven Farm
West Main Kitchen
West Side Wine and Spirits
White Gazebo Inn
White Wizard Consulting, LLC
Wide Awake Bakery
Wild Flower Cafe
Wine a Bit and More
Wine Forward
Wine on Ice
Wixom Farm
Wolf Tree Farm
Zero to Go LLC

Black Diamond Farm, LLC
Bloomer Creek Vineyard
Bostwick House B&B
Boundary Breaks Vineyard
Bully Hill Vineyards
Castel Grisch Winery
Catherine Cottages

Cherry Orchard B&B
Clean Team
Climbing Bines Craft Ale Co. and Hop Farm
Compost International
Costello, Cooney & Fearon,
PLLC Cottage Views Bed &
Breakfast
Curry Creek Vineyards

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Davis Vineyard
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Breakfast Eli Thomas Art
Eminence Road Farm Winery
Eremita Winery
Experience! The Finger Lakes
Eve's Cidery
Fall Bright, The Wine Makers
Shope Fast Lane Enterprises, LLC
Finger Lakes Cider House
Finger Lakes Food Company LLC, dba.
Verjooz
Finger Lakes Mill Creek Cabins
Finger Lakes Solar Co-op
First Flight
FLX Winery
Forge Cellars
Fox Run Vineyard
Frontenac Point Vineyard - Estate Winery
Ginger Cat Bed & Breakfast
Ginny Lee Cafe
Good for Business
Goose Watch Winery
Hazlitt 1852 Vineyards, Inc.
Heart & Hands Wine Company
Hector Wine Company

Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyards
Heron Hill Vineyard
Hidden Marsh Distillery
Hosmer Winery
Hunt Country Vineyard
Idol Ridge Winery
Italy Hill Produce
Ingle Vineyard
Inspire Moore Winery and Vineyard
Interludes Spa
J. Crytzer Woodworking
J.R. Dill Winery
Keuka Spring Vineyards
King Ferry Winery, makers of Treleaven
Wines
Lacey Magruder Vineyard & Winery
Lake House & Cottage Rental
Lakeshore Winery
Lamoreaux Landing Wine Cellars
Loan Chiropractic
Locke's Glen, LLC Vacation
Rentals Lost Kingdom Brewery
Macro Mamas
Magnolia Place Bed & Breakfast
McGregor Vineyard
Medleys Café
Montezuma Winery
Nautical Nights B&B
Nedloh Brewing Company
New Vines Bed & Breakfast
Northside Wine & Spirits

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Old Fashioned Flowers, Fernville
Farm O-Neh-Da & Eagle Crest
Vineyards Peggy Haine - Food and
Wine Writer Penguin Bay Winery
Pompous Ass Winery
Ports of New York
Rasta Ranch Vineyards
Ravines Wine Cellar
Redbyrd Orchard Cider
Red Newt Cellars, Inc. E

Regional Access

Renovus Energy
Robinia Redux Locust Fence Post Plantation
Sawmill Creek Vineyard
Savor Life Radio
Seneca 7 Road Race
Seneca Lake Design
Shalestone Vineyards, LLC
Shaw Vineyard
Sheldrake Point Winery

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Swedish Hill Vineyard, Inc.

Silver Springs Winery LLC
Silver Thread Vineyard
South Hill Cider
Stone Pillow Pottery
Stone Boat Computing
Stone Cat Café
Stoney Lonesome
Farm, LLC Strategic
Coaching
Sun Dance Creations
Sunrise Landing Bed and Breakfast
Sustainable Viticulture Systems
Suzanne Fine Regional Cuisine

Themis and Thread
The OCD Art Galley
The Pearl of Seneca Lake, Inc. Three
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